infrastructure like roads, electricity and potable water which are very essential for establishment of dairy co-operative societies and procurement of milk from these areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to make infrastructure available in these areas and the quantum of funds being spent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The scheme "Integrated Dairy Development Project" was implemented in Non Operation Flood, hilly and backward areas. As the name suggests, the areas covered are hilly and backward and have very little or no infrastructure in animal husbandry and dairying. The scheme has been modified during March, 2005 and renamed as 'Intensive Dairy Development Programme' (IDDP), and also covers the districts which received less than Rs. 50.00 lakhs for dairy development activities under Operation Flood Programme. Against a cumulative target of formation of 16,509 village level Dairy Co-operative Societies (DCS) with a membership of 11.46 lakh farmers, about 12 thousand DCS have been organized with a membership of about 7 lakh farmers upto 31-3-2005.

Government of India is providing 100% grant-in-aid for these areas for all components including creation of infrastructure for animal husbandry and dairying. Since inception of the scheme (1993-94), 62 projects spread over 164 districts in 25 States and a UT at a total cost of Rs. 334.08 crores have been approved and an amount of Rs. 234.42 crores has been released till 31-3-2005.

KVKs in Rajasthan

3382. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has a policy of opening a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each State;

(b) if so, whether KVKs have been opened in all the districts of Rajasthan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any request from the State Government in this regard is pending with Government; and

(e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Government has approved for establishment of one KVK in each of the 578 rural districts (as per India 2002) of the country.

(b) to (e) There are 32 rural districts in Rajasthan. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already sanctioned KVKs for all the 32 rural districts.

Drought assistance to Orissa

3383. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 districts in Orissa are in the grip of drought due to deficit rainfall;

(b) whether the State Government has made a proposal for grant of financial relief for the affected areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with action plan of the Centre to help the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) This year, Orissa has neither reported drought nor sought any Central assistance for drought relief.

Training of personnel for Tuna Fishing

3384. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of institutes under Government to train personnel for Tuna Fishing per year;

(b) the number of such people trained during the last three years by Government institute called CIFNET;